

To Advertisers & the Public.

THE DAILY BRITISH COLONIST, published every morning (Sundays excepted), is the largest and most widely circulated journal in the colony. It contains the latest news from all parts of the world, and is a valuable source of information to all who are interested in the progress of the colony. It is published at the rate of 25 cents per week, and is sent to all subscribers on the day of publication.

JOB PRINTING. The **BRITISH COLONIST** has a large and complete establishment for the printing of all kinds of books, pamphlets, and other printed matter. It is under the management of a highly qualified and experienced printer, and is capable of executing all orders with the greatest accuracy and dispatch.

LITERA SCRIPTA MANET. The Act empowering the California State Telegraph Company to lay down a line of telegraph wires into this colony, which has now become law, is likely to bring about a revolution in the mode of conducting business in the colony.

There is not one of our Wharf street merchants and not one of our Fort street retailers who will feel the difference which telegraphic communication will make in their business. There are some who still hold to the exploded slow-coach system, and imagine that nothing can be done better because it is done more quickly than of yore, but in a city so dependent upon trade alone as is Victoria, the benefit of having immediate intelligence of the state of the markets in San Francisco and the Eastern States, and of our merchants being enabled to execute orders promptly from California markets, will rapidly make itself felt amongst us.

To news mongers the assistance of the wire will doubtless be very great, although it will rob our news of that interest which it has on the arrival of the mails by partially anticipating the items; but nevertheless we would fain hope that it will in some measure enliven us and render the contents of the columns of the daily journals more acceptable to our readers than at present. It is probably owing to a dearth of real news that some are occasionally betrayed into the grave error of abusing one another, and running down the prospects of the colony and city, which it is, unquestionably, our great interest to uphold. That any public journalists should deem it their duty to endeavor to make the position of the town, to whose inhabitants they owe their subsistence, appear in the eyes of strangers unsatisfactory and declining, when the real facts are the very reverse of such an assumption, is beyond the comprehension of ordinary mortals, and that any portion of the press should be found to advocate a theory which would seem to assert such a proposition is to the feelings of the people, to say the least of it, repulsive. The idea that presents itself to common place beings that one and all of the inhabitants of any colony, city or place should work together for the well-being of that place; but if we look at home and take impressions from what we see around us we should be led to suppose that there were a variety of conflicting interests amongst us that could in no way be reconciled as the country says? or is the colony on the verge of bankruptcy? asks a journeyman in our city of an old inhabitant. How can you ask! says the resident look at our streets; look at the buildings running up in every direction; look at our shops; and you have a material guarantee for our stability for a few years at all events. "But," says the visitor, "everyone I meet in the streets tells me that times are bad; that the place is dull; that there is not half the business doing that there was this time last year; in fact, that the place has eared in." Can anything be so utterly absurd! That buildings are not being so rapidly reared up in every direction, and that real estate is not so high as it was last year may be true, but is the prosperity of our city any the less safe and stable for that? Some there are amongst us who fix their faith upon high prices, and who with the first fall in the value of real estate, are ready to predict the fall of the colony; this, however, is a great mistake; there is no disguising the fact, that real estate has been too high within the city of Victoria, and it has now arrived at a much more rational price. It will, doubtless, fluctuate during the present year, but we cannot anticipate the prices which were the result of the excitement of former years again, nor do we wish to do so; for the success of this colony we must have immigrants who can earn their living in the city, and become owners of property without paying an exorbitant price for it. If we wish to see real estate in the market at prices which will enable small householders to get a living. Under present circumstances we have nothing to dread from any reaction or any falling off, although retail business, from the fact of there being a very large amount of competition considering the population of the city, may not be so lucrative as those engaged in it as it was in early days. There is every prospect of its improving with every successive year. Those who opine that the prospects of the city are not so good as they were, must look at the material progress that we have made in civilization during the past twelve months. Imprints, a telegraph in perspective, and water in reality, brought to our very doors, for whether or not our representatives and the Legislative Council intend to allow the public to have cheap water, that we shall have it supplied to us by means of Messrs. Coe & Martin's pipes in many of our streets, is an undoubted fact. Next we may glance at our roads; which but for the check given to the movements of the civic authorities by certain would-be patriots and others, who object to pay their taxes, would have been in a good condition long ere this. In private enterprise how much more forward we are, our buildings bear witness. But, withal, one great thing strikes us forcibly, as lacking amongst us, and that is a spirit of greater unanimity respecting matters affecting the public weal. In a small community like ours there ought not to be great divisions; differences of opinion must needs exist, but surely it is possible that they may be held without any exhibition of acerbity of feeling, or to the detriment of the press particularly, we would suggest a moderation in their differences. Surely it is possible for writers to hold opposite opinions without thrusting upon the public their private opinions of the want of ability of contemporary writers. Whatever may be our estimate of the "vile trash," which defiles the columns of the *Estimable Independent*, or the "fishy rubbish" which is bespattered on mankind by the *Gazette*, the examples of the two rival editors which have been so graphically set before us by Dickens himself, at the time he drew the sketch of an active writer in a daily paper, might surely be taken as a warning against indulging in quarrels and personalities which are most uninteresting to the general public, when they become too weary of such a style of writing, they would at once turn to the columns of the *British Colonist*, where they would find a more interesting and useful mode of conducting their correspondence.

RECEPTION BALL. Under the immediate Patronage of His Worship the Mayor.

WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE LYCEUM HALL, ON THE EVENING OF THE GRAND PROCESSION, GIVEN BY THE "TIGER" ENGINE CO., No. 2.

As the number of tickets to be sold is limited, an early application is requested.

Price of tickets, \$3 Each.

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PEAKES & GREEN, Agents of the Emanuel Congregation, mh18

Auction.

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PUBLIC NOTICE.

TENDERS ARE REQUIRED for the conveyance of Mails, by a Steam Vessel, for a period of nine months, commencing on the 1st April next, between Victoria and Comox, once a month; and Victoria and Nanaimo twice a month, calling at Cowichan, Maple Bay, and Salt Spring Island, both going and returning. The days of arrival and departure subject to the control of the Government. The said steamer to be capable of carrying cattle and to be at liberty to call at other places than those named. Payment to be made monthly.

Tenders to be addressed to the POSTMASTER, on or before the 28th inst.

By order, HENRY WOOTTON, Postmaster.

Post Office, Victoria, V. I., March 18, 1864. mh18

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SCARFS AND NECKTIES—Black and Fancy Silk Scarfs, Giant and Fancy Regent, Beaufort and Windsor Ties, Plain and Embroidered Ties.

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TOILET COVERS—6-4 Fringed Covers, white and colored, 9-4 to 13-4 Toilet Quilt, 6-4 to 9-4 Grey Diaper Cloth.

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